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June 24, 2008

Greetings,

The Housing and Employment Resources Expo (H.E.R.E.) is now in its second year. It is the product of a coalition of community partners who recognize that our disability community faces a unique set of challenges when it comes to obtaining employment and affordable, accessible housing.

Today, Houstonians with disabilities will have the opportunity to meet with prospective employers, as well as representatives from various housing related entities and other resource agencies. Last year's event attracted over 1,000 participants and over 100 employers and nonprofit organizations.

This free event promises to be mutually beneficial for all participants. Employers will be able to tap into a pool of applicants ready, willing and able to join the ranks of Houston' employed; while service providers can inform attendees about programs and services specifically designed to meet their needs.

Free workshops and exhibitor booths will provide a wealth of information for people with disabilities on the following topics:

- ☀ How Work Affects SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid,
- ☀ The Keys to Home Ownership,
- ☀ Starting Your Own Business,
- ☀ Home Accessibility and Repair Programs,
- ☀ When and How to Ask for Reasonable Accommodations from an Employer,
- ☀ Public Housing/Section 8/Affordable Housing,
- ☀ Landlord/Tenant Rights, and Job Readiness

A special thanks to the Sponsors and Community Partners, whose time, energy, and resources are making this important event a reality. Working together, we can continue to make Houston a City of real opportunity for all members of our community.

Sincerely,



Bill White, Mayor



FACT SHEET

Housing and Employment Resources Expo for People with Disabilities

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center
Exhibit Hall E
1001 Avenida de Las Americas
Houston, TX 77010

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Expected Exhibitors: 120

Expected Attendees: 2,000

Expo Description: This unique event will provide an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to meet with prospective employers, as well as representatives from various housing related entities and other resource agencies.

PRESS RELEASE

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“Ike Postponed Housing and Resources Expo for People with Disabilities Date Rescheduled”

On the heels of Houston being named the country’s most accessible city for people with disabilities, the city is poised to host the second annual housing and employment expo, Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Those with disabilities will have the opportunity to meet with prospective employers, as well as representatives from various housing related entities and other resource agencies.

The event in 2007 attracted over 1,000 participants and over 100 employers and nonprofit organizations.

Employers will be able to tap into a pool of prospective employees as well as informing them about programs and services specifically designed to meet their needs.

Free workshops and exhibitor booths will provide information for people with disabilities on such topics as:

- *Home Ownership and Down Payment Assistance*
- *Home Accessibility and Repair Programs*
- *How Work Affects SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid*
- *When to Ask for Reasonable Accommodations from an Employer*
- *Landlord/Tenant Rights, and Job Readiness*
- *Public Housing Section 8..Affordable and Accessible Housing*

“Working together, we can continue to make Houston a city of real opportunity for all members of our community,” said Houston Mayor Bill White.

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Save the date, please

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The HERE Planning Committee invites you to attend our

*Housing and Employment Resources Expo
at the George R. Brown Convention Center
Firs Level Exhibit Hall E, 1001 Avenida de las Americas
Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.
For more information, call 713.837.9097*

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LOOKING FOR WORK



JOB SEEKERS: Megan Hess, left, and Joel Garza visit with representatives from Comcast Saturday at the Housing and Employment Expo for People with Disabilities at the George R. Brown Convention Center. **MAYRA BELTRAN** / CHRONICLE

Creating opportunities for the disabled

■ Event offers career and housing help to benefit group often left unemployed

By **MELANIE MARKLEY**
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Megan Hess was on a mission when she went to Saturday's Housing and Employment Expo for People with Disabilities.

She wanted a job. Hess, who is blind, has been looking for employment since moving to Houston 1½ years

ago to live closer to family. But she's had no luck, despite years of experience taking calls for a major hotel chain in Omaha, Neb.

However, at Saturday's expo, billed as the first of its kind for Houstonians with disabilities, her luck appeared to be changing.

"I've run into a few prospects," said Hess, 26, as she

and her father walked past dozens of exhibits featuring businesses with potential jobs and agencies offering assistance.

"It does give me encouragement that there are people out there who will hire."

The event at the George R. Brown Convention Center drew people with disabilities who were there to seek help with employment and housing matters and attend workshops on job readiness, home ownership and other topics.

The expo was coordinated

by the city of Houston, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, WorkSource, and a host of other agencies.

"This is really an effort to show that people with disabilities are just citizens like everybody else is," said Diego Demaya, a legal specialist with the Southwest ADA Center. "Many of them are unemployed, regrettably."

Unemployment among the disabled isn't just a problem in Houston. Please see **DISABILITIES**, Page B6

DISABILITIES: Reluctance to hire stems from perceived hassles

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Houston.

According to census statistics compiled by Cornell University, about 38 percent of working-age people with physical or mental disabilities are employed, compared with roughly 78 percent of people with no disabilities.

Advocates say that many employers are reluctant to hire people with disabilities, in part, because they think that making the necessary accommodations is too much of a hassle.

What's more, Cornell's data show that people with disabilities are nearly three times as likely to live in poverty as those who aren't disabled.

Susanne Bruyere, professor of disability studies at Cornell, said that even though strides have been made since passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, the employment gap illustrates a continuing problem.

And it's not just the job-seeking people with disabilities who lose out, she said. Employers who don't hire the disabled are bypassing a qualified pool of potential employees who can often do the job with very few modifications in the workplace.

According to an analysis of error rates, he said, blind employees make no more mistakes typing information into the computer than sighted people.

"Disabled people in the community are just as able and just as capable of doing an outstanding job as anyone else and actually, in some cases, maybe even better," Rugg said.

Toby Cole may well be a case in point.

Cole, 35, has been paralyzed from the neck down since a diving accident just after high school graduation 17 years ago. But he went to college, completed law school and now has a successful practice as a personal injury attorney.

"There was nothing that was going to stop me," Cole said, "including the little pesky problem of being a quadriplegic."

Before his accident, Cole never planned to be an attorney. His law career just evolved, he



FOCUSED: Attorney Toby Cole, with legal assistant Carmen Scott, said being a quadriplegic wasn't going to keep him from achieving his goals. **JAMES NIELSEN** / CHRONICLE

said. Now he represents people, like himself, who have been injured. Four personal assistants help him get through his day, getting him up and showered, dressing him, driving him, even straightening his tie before a court appearance.

Cole hopes others will persevere as well.

"I think the best way to create opportunities," he said, "is for people with disabilities to go to work and show the world that having a disability doesn't stop them from being a great asset to a company."

Pam Bullock, who was job-hunting at Saturday's expo,

would like nothing better than to prove just that. She has a master's in social work and credentials as an honor student. But despite countless interviews, she's still looking for work after a year.

She believes her wheelchair may have something to do with it, but she knows there is no way to prove that.

"I'm kind of at a loss," said Bullock, who has spina bifida, a disabling birth defect. "I know I've got the skills that's required for the job, and then I don't get hired."

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Community Partners

BEYOND CAREERS

Website: www.beyondcareers.org

Beyond Careers is a community-based, 501(c) (3), non-profit organization; who received its federal and state tax-exempt certifications on July 09, 2004. This organization was initially created to address the need of educating Houston's economically disadvantaged and at-risk high school students. A target population chosen because these youth were intensifying their level of risk for becoming high school dropouts; thus reducing their ability to acquire the education and skills needed to fill service jobs in the health, professional, and other high-tech fields.

CAREER AND RECOVERY RESOURCES

Website: www.careerandrecovery.org

Career and Recovery Resources, Inc. is a non-profit, United Way agency established in 1945. We provide a wide array of services to a diverse population challenged by barriers such as older age, illiteracy, disabilities, and homelessness, lack of skills, substance abuse, and at-risk behavior.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON

Website: www.homelesshouston.org

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and advocate for the needs of persons who are homeless through support and coordination of services. In 1982 at the request of then Harris County Judge Jon Lindsey and Houston Mayor Kathryn Whitmire, the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc. (the Coalition) was founded by area homeless social services for an exploding number of people who were homeless that were emerging as a result of local economic deterioration. In 1988, the Coalition incorporated as a 501(c) 3.

DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (DARS)

Website: www.dars.state.tx.us

The DARS Division for Rehabilitation Services is designated as the state's principal authority on the vocational rehabilitation of Texans with disabilities, except persons with visual impairments and the legally blind. The Division's main purpose is to assist people with disabilities to

participate in their communities by achieving employment of choice, living as independently as possible and accessing high quality services.

HOUSTON CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Website: www.coalitionforbarrierfreeliving.com

"HCIL, BCCIL and FBCIL promote the full inclusion, equal opportunity and participation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of community life. We believe that people with disabilities have the right to make choices affecting their lives, a right to take risks, a right to fail, and a right to succeed."

HOUSTON ASSET BUILDING COALITION

Website: www.houstonassetbuilding.org

The Houston Asset Building Coalition (HABC) is committed to helping working families strengthen their financial future.

Provide financial education to interested families to help them access mainstream credit opportunities, build savings and planning for the future.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Website: www.goodwillhouston.org

To change lives through the power of work by providing education, training, job opportunities and human services to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment so that they may become productive, independent members in our community enjoying life to its fullest possible potential.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY SERVICES

Website: www.gccsa.org

Gulf Coast Community Services Association is Texas' largest Community Action Agency. Its mission in Harris County is to help low-income residents become self-sufficient. It does this by offering a variety of services, including housing counseling, senior services, adult education classes, summer youth services, after-school programs, clothing and school supply vouchers, food pantries, bus tokens for job search and medical appointments, transportation for elderly and disabled individuals, family needs assessments with follow-up, an employment skills program, prescription vouchers for needed medication, and a Head Start program for 1,864 children in southeast Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park and South Houston. It also offers an Early Head Start program in the Fifth Ward area for 72 infants and toddlers and 12 expectant mothers.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE – VAST PROGRAM

Website: www.hccs.edu

HCC-Central VAST Department of Occupational Life Skills provides educational opportunities and support services to “differently abled” individuals with disabilities. Students with “ability” levels from 2nd - 8th grade and above, benefit from our comprehensive support services and course offerings. Through a diverse selection of courses and certificates both “credit” and “non-credit,” students have a chance to enhance their basic academic, computer, independent living, job readiness, and pre-college skills which lead to a successful transition to college credit certificate programs and competitive employment in the community. Participation in student activities and events on campus further develop social, leadership skills and promote service learning.

HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Website: www.hach.org

To improve lives by providing quality, affordable housing options and promoting education and economic self-sufficiency.

Services-Improving the quality of life and expanding opportunities for resident success are vital to the Houston Housing Authority's mission. Through a strong network of social and supportive services, the agency works diligently to transform the lives of its clients and pilot their transition toward self-sufficiency. Linking with a variety of recognized community service providers, the Housing Authority delivers substantial support services and life enrichment programs that promote upward mobility. For information on these programs, please click one of the links to the left.

HOUSTON MAYOR’S COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Website: www.hmcepd.org

Membership on the committee is open to all individuals who are interested in promoting the employment and advancement of people with disabilities

JOBING.COM

Website: www.jobing.com

Our mission is to connect companies with people and help them build valuable relationships in order to recruit and hire future employees. We strive to help employers utilize technology to save time and money while making it easier to hire qualified individuals to contribute to their organizations' goals. We are also committed to helping people find better jobs and career opportunities to improve their lives.

MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (MOPD)

Website: www.houstontx.gov

The primary mission of the City of Houston's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is to serve as advocate for the rights and needs of citizens with disabilities. The office also serves as liaison between the mayor, city council, city departments and other public and private entities on matters pertaining to people with disabilities. It is also MOPD's objective to inform and educate citizens of accessibility initiatives - which include communication, as well as physical accessibility.

MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY

Website: www.mhmraharris.org

MHMRA of Harris County is one of the largest mental health centers in the United States, serving more than 30,000 persons in the Houston metropolitan area who suffer from mental illness and mental retardation. We serve the "priority population" - adults who are diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and people diagnosed with moderate to severe mental retardation.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Website: www.ssa.gov

SSA Work Incentives make it possible for people with disabilities receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to explore work options and still receive benefits until they reach their work goals. Social Security Work Incentives help beneficiaries remove barriers to work by offering support services and providing a safety net to assist them in finding meaningful employment and succeeding in the workplace.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE

St Joseph House serves people with mental illness. It is a work-oriented program that provides opportunities for empowerment in a safe environment. St Joseph House deals with the healthy part of the individual. People are encouraged to participate in a variety of work activities from which they can regain self-esteem and take on increasing amounts of responsibility. St Joseph House also helps people get employment and housing.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Website: www.wrksolutions.com

Workforce Solutions provides comprehensive human resource services for businesses and residents of the 13-county Houston-Galveston Gulf Coast region.

Workforce Solutions helps employers solve workforce-related business problems and area residents build careers, so that both can better compete in the changing worldwide economy.

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*Logo designed by **Tyronne Shoemaker**

EXPLANATION OF LOGO*

House Silhouette – Housing

Skyline – Industry, Jobs

Sunshine – Hope

Multi-Color Spheres – Diversity

Wheelchair - Accessibility

H.E.R.E. STORY

Disability Policy Consortium gave a small grant to the **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities** (MOPD) stipulating its use for a meeting or seminar for people with disabilities.

Almost concurrently, a coalition was being formed between Sandra Joyner of the **Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services** (DARS) and Tyronne Shoemaker of **Career and Recovery Resources** (CRR) to have a Job Fair for people with disabilities.

Tyronne and Sandra met with Yanira Bermudez and Alvita McKinney of MOPD to discuss a Job and Housing Fair for People with disabilities. It was such an intriguing concept, Velma Laws, Director of **Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance**, wanted to sit in on the following meetings. Suddenly there was talk of an EXPO.

The rest, as they say, is **HERE**story



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HERE 2007



The Housing and Employment Resources Expo for Persons with Disabilities took place on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Approximately 661 citizens registered as Expo attendees (registration sheets available upon request), 102 exhibitors participated as employers and community resources, and 131 volunteers assisted as interpreters for person with

hearing impairments, Spanish-English translators, escorts for persons with vision impairments, greeters, and in the information booth.

Eight workshops took place that provided substantial employment and housing information to HERE attendees.

HERE 2007 would not have happened without the efforts of many, many organizations, agencies, and individual who worked in partnership and networked extensively.

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First Annual Houston Housing and Employment Expo for People with Disabilities Day

Difficulty obtaining accessible and affordable housing and adequate employment dramatically affect the quality of life for people with disabilities.

The U.S. Census estimates that over a quarter of a million Houstonians between the ages of 16 and 64 have some form of disability. Yet disability does not mean inability. Persons with disabilities are an untapped market that can help build a stronger Houston. The **Housing and Employment Resources Expo (H.E.R.E.)** provides an opportunity for you to positively affect and interact with members of this underserved community.

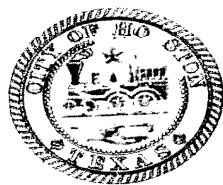
On **September 22, 2007**, the City of Houston and a host of community partners are sponsoring the first annual **(H.E.R.E.) for People with Disabilities**. The Expo will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A. This unique event will provide an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to meet with prospective employers, as well as representatives from various housing related entities and other resource agencies. Participants will be able to participate in hands-on workshops pertaining to housing and employment issues and receive important information at booths hosted by community organizations, employers, and sponsors. They will also be able to receive help with their resume and interviewing skills, and will be able to interview with potential employers.

The City of Houston congratulates and commends the organizers and participants of this worthwhile endeavor, and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding event.

Therefore, I, Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 22, 2007, as

First Annual Houston Housing and Employment Expo for People with Disabilities Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 20th day of September, 2007, A.D.

Bill White

Bill White
Mayor of the City of Houston



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September 22, 2007

Dear H.E.R.E. Participant:

Welcome to the first annual Housing and Employment Resources Expo for People with Disabilities. This event represents a collaborative effort of individuals, from a host of organizations, who recognize the special challenges that people with disabilities face in accessing two basic elements of self-sufficiency – housing and employment. Our objective today is to help bridge the information and opportunity gap, and provide a one-stop venue for Houstonians with disabilities to get valuable resource information and meet with potential employers.

I would like to express special thanks to our sponsors, whose support is essential to the success of an event of this magnitude. Our exhibiting employers are also to be commended for their commitment to workplace diversity and inclusion. They recognize that the disability community is an untapped source of value added knowledge, skills, and abilities. I would also like to thank the representatives from the various agencies that are exhibiting or presenting workshops, who work everyday to improve the quality of life for Houstonians, especially those with disabilities and their families.

It is my sincere desire that each of you benefit in some way from your attendance at this unique event. Do your best to take advantage of everything the HERE Expo has to offer.

Sincerely,



Velma Laws, Director



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Dear Expo Participants:

Welcome to the September 22, 2007, Housing and Employment Resources Expo (H.E.R.E.) for People with Disabilities. I appreciate the efforts of the many community partners who planned this important event. Individuals with disabilities will be provided an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and representatives from various housing and other resource agencies.

As you may know, more than 200,000 people move into our community each year. In addition, we are now home to an estimated 100,000 survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. And Harris County can expect to see 15,000 to 20,000 returning veterans over the next five years.

Statistically, we know that 20 percent of those living in any community may have a disability. But returning veterans dealing with service-related mental and physical disabilities and hurricane survivors with age- and storm-related disabilities likely have pushed that number even higher in Harris County.

Harris County welcomes each of you as contributing and vital members of our diverse community. Our common goal is inclusion of all. The Expo's 2007 theme, "We are H.E.R.E. for You," is a perfect reflection of that goal.

Please use this opportunity to gather all the resources you need regarding public housing, home ownership, employment, social services, health care, family support groups, financial empowerment and much more. It is our sincere hope that these important resources will help make your transition rewarding in every way.

In closing, I commend your recognition of Harris County Commissioner Steve Radack for his contributions and efforts to serve people with disabilities in our community. Commissioner Radack truly is a champion of those with disabilities, and it has been my honor to serve with him on Harris County Commissioners Court.

Sincerely,



Ed Emmett
County Judge



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

AL GREEN
9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 22, 2007



Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend greetings to the attendees of the Housing and Employment Resources Expo (HERE). On behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, I salute all the participants and their commitment to making this a memorable event.

With great enthusiasm, I applaud HERE for its commitment to serving the housing and employment needs of individuals with disabilities. In addition, I commend the employers, vendors, and housing organizations for their dedication to providing our disabled citizens with housing and job opportunities.

I look forward to working with HERE on future endeavors and serving you well as a Member of Congress. Best wishes to all for an exciting and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,



Al Green
Member of Congress

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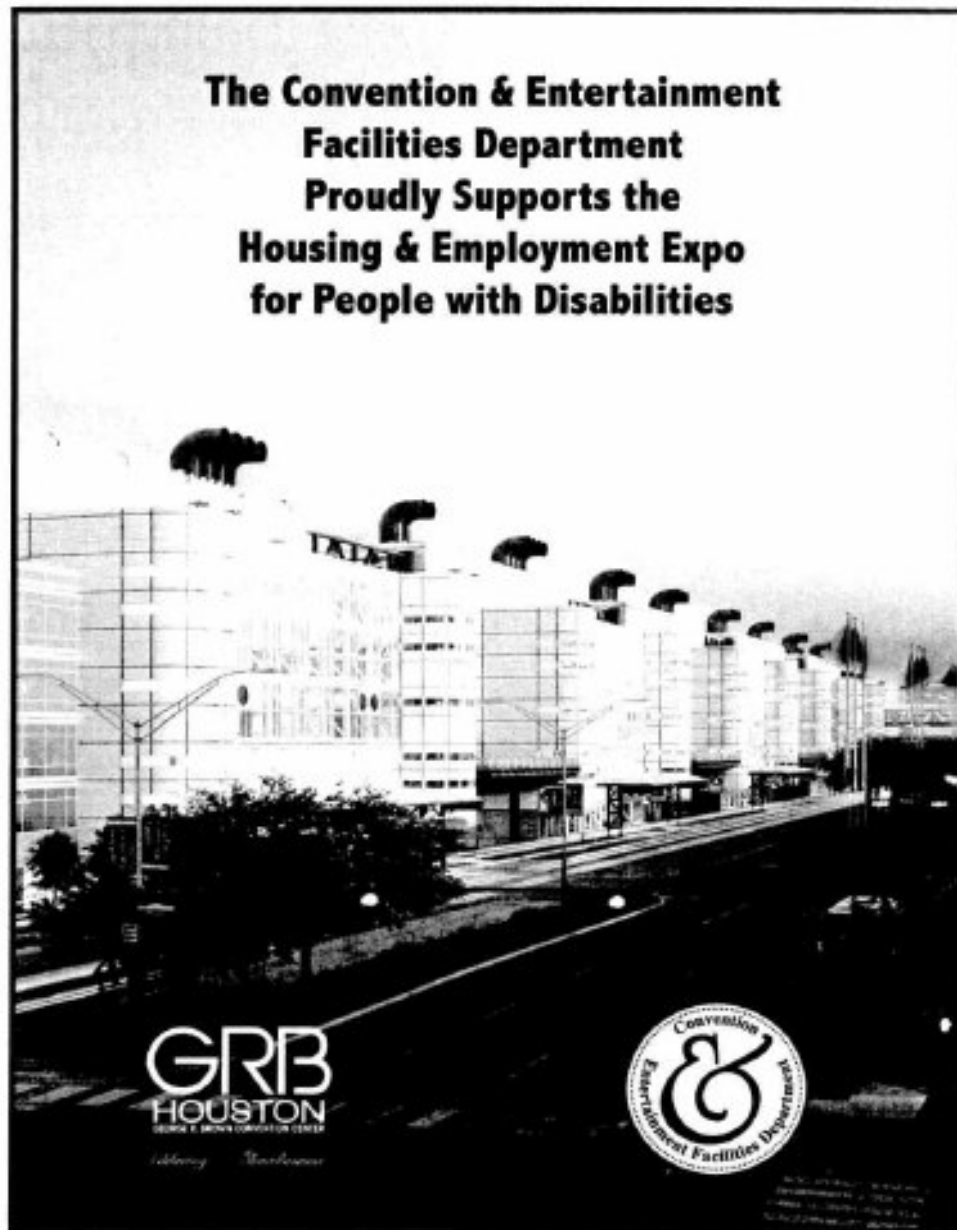
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